

AMENDMENT NUMBER NINE

TO THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (IRoA)

FOR

**THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF A BETTER EDUCATED AND HEALTHIER
POPULATION**

Dated as of September 30, 2007

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WHEREAS, the Grantee and USAID entered into a Strategic Objective Grant Agreement ("SOAG") for the Strategic Objective of "A Better Educated and Healthier Population" (USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-07-00) dated September 19, 2005 and subsequently amended that SOAG on:

- September 30, 2005 (Amendment No. 1);
- April 6, 2006 (Amendment No. 2);
- May 11, 2006 (Amendment No. 3);
- June 28, 2006 (Amendment No. 4);
- September 18, 2006 (Amendment No. 5);
- April 07, 2007 (Amendment No. 6);
- July 23, 2007 (Amendment No. 7); and
- September 19, 2007 (Amendment No. 8)

The SOAG as so amended is referred to hereinafter as the "Agreement "

WHEREAS, USAID and the Grantee desire to further amend the Agreement to: (a) increase the USAID contribution by **Thirty One Million Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred** United States ("U.S") Dollars (**U.S. \$31,058,700.00**), and (b) update the illustrative financial plan to reflect certain adjustments and to cross reference and cross-walk the original SOAG budget information against the new USAID standardized program budget structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto hereby agree that the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The first sentence in Section 3.1(a) of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "(a) The Grant. To help achieve the Objective set forth in this Agreement, USAID, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, hereby grants to the Grantee under the terms of this Agreement not to exceed **Three Hundred Forty Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four and Seventy Hundredths** United States (U S.) Dollars (**U.S.\$ 348,941,554.70**) (the 'Grant')."
2. The illustrative financial plan set forth in Attachment 1 to Annex 1 to the Agreement is deleted and the updated illustrative financial plan attached hereto as Attachment A and Attachment B to this Amendment is substituted in lieu thereof

Except as further amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect. Capitalized terms not defined in this Amendment shall have the

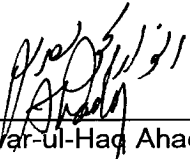
meanings ascribed thereto in the Agreement. This Amendment is prepared in both English and Dari. In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the two versions, the English language version will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantee and the United States of America, each acting through its duly authorized representatives, have caused this Amendment Number Eight to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day, month and year first written above.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
AFGHANISTAN

By: 
Name: Robin Phillips
Title: Mission Director,
USAID/Afghanistan

By: 
Name: Anwar-ul-Haq Ahady
Title: Minister of Finance

SO7 (306-07-06)

Appropriation: ES NOA 2007/2008 (ESF)
Amount: \$31,058,700

ILLUSTRATIVE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FY 2005 TO FY 2010

Amendment No.9

In Thousands of U.S. Dollars

Objective and Activities	Realignment of Amount Obligated prior to Amendment No. 9	Amount Obligated in Amendment No. 9	Cumulative Obligations in FY 2005 - FY 2007 *	Amount Remaining to be Obligated in FY 2007 - FY 2010 **	Total Estimated Contribution
A BETTER EDUCATED AND HEALTHIER POPULATION					
USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-07-00					
Increase Access of Women and Children Under 5 to Quality Basis Health Services, especially in Rural and Underserved Areas	184,822	280	185,102	254,043	439,145
Increase Access of Children, Youth, and Adults to Quality Teaching and Suitable Learning Environments***	129,966	30,779	160,745	313,105	473,850
Social and Economic Services and Protection for Vulnerable Population	1,105	-	1,105	-	1,105
USAID Program Support	1,990	-	1,990	23,110	25,100
TOTAL OBJECTIVE 7:	317,883	31,059	348,942	590,258	939,200

OTE * -- References to "FY" refer to the USG fiscal year

OTE ** -- These funds are subject to the availability of funds to USAID and the other conditions set forth in Section 3.1 (b) of the Agreement

OTE *** -- The illustrative financial plan previously included a line item for "Pre-existing Mortgages"; however, the funds in that line item are now included in the relevant programmatic line items indicated above

ILLUSTRATIVE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FY 2005 TO FY 2010
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In Thousands of U.S. Dollars

Objective	Program Area	Program Element	Old Activity/Intermediate Results (IR) Title	Amount Obligated prior to Amendment No. 9	Amount Obligated in Amendment No. 9	Cumulative Obligations in FY 2005 - FY 2007 **	Amount Remaining to be Obligated in FY 2007 - FY 2010 ***	Total Estimated Contribution	
A BETTER EDUCATED AND HEALTHIER POPULATION USAID Grant Agreement No SOAG-306-07-00									
Investing in People	3	Health	3 1 2 Tuberculosis	Tuberculosis	-		-	1,000	1,000
			3 1 5 other Public Health Threats	other Public Health Threats	1,930		1,930	900	2,830
			3 1 6 Maternal and Child Health	Increase Access of Women and Children Under 5 to Quality Basis Health Services, especially in Rural and Under-served Areas	116,113	(10,653)	**** 105,460	187,335	292,795
			3 1 7 Family Planning and Reproductive Health	Increase Access of Women and Children Under 5 to Quality Basis Health Services especially in Rural and Under-served Areas	66,779	10,933	**** 77,712	64,808	142,520
					184,822	280	185,102	254,043	439,145
	3 2	Education	3 2 1 Basic Education	Increase Access of Children Youth and Adults to Quality Teaching and Suitable Learning Environments	77,525	17,935	95,460	141,465	236,925
			3 2 2 Higher Education	Increase Access of Children Youth and Adults to Quality Teaching and Suitable Learning Environments	52,441	12,844	65,285	171,640	236,925
			3 2 2 Higher Education	USAID Program Support (Education Personnel)	1,990		1,990	23,110	25,100
	3	Social and Economic Services	3 3 2 Social Services	Social Services	1,105		1,105	0 3760	1,105
					133,061	30,779	163,839	336,216	500,055
TOTAL OBJECTIVE 7				317,883	31,059	348,942	590,258	939,200	

NOTE * - In the absence of a detailed audit of prior obligations executed before Amendment No. 6, amounts have been attributed equally across Program Elements

NOTE ** - References to "FY" refer to the USG fiscal year

NOTE *** - These funds are subject to the availability of funds to USAID and the other conditions set forth in Section 3.1 (b) of the Agreement

NOTE **** - These figures reflect a transfer of \$10,653,000 from Program Element 3.1.6 to Program Element 3.1.7